**Report of the Jaswant Singh Commission on High Court benches**

2002. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Jaswant Singh Comsion submitted its report on the setting up of High Court benches in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of proposals forwarded by the State Government to the Central Government on the basis of this report; and

(c) what are the details of each proposals and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Jaswant Singh Commission submitted its Report regarding benches of the High Court in Uttar Pradesh on 30th April, 1985. The State Government have not yet sent any definite proposal on the basis of this Report.

**Letter of intent granted to Linde AG-RPG (Madras) for the setting up of a petro-chemical project at Madras**

2003. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the letter of intent given to Linde AG-RPG for their export-oriented petro-chemical project at Madras and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that they have to export 100 per cent of their production; and

(b) what are the reasons for which domestic sales are not allowed for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) and (b) In the letter of intent No. LI|EOB.30|(89)|E.O.|277(88)1L dated the 16th March 1989 issued by the Government to Linde A.G. it is specified that the entire production of the project shall be exported outside India. This is in accordance with the arrangement indicated to the Government on behalf of the applicant party itself.

**Planning Commission's suggestion for re-appraisal of FERA**

2004. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recommended a thorough re-appraisal of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) to direct foreign investment in larger measure during the Eighth Five Year Plan peiod; and

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Prices of imported rubber**

2005. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of imported rubber has been exorbitantly increased by the STC;

(b) if so, whether the shoe industry especially the small shoe manufacturers have been hit hard thereby; and